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CMTS WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

The Committee on Marine Transportation System working group recently was presented the Department of Transportation's prestigious Partnering for Excellence Award. MARAD's own Maggie Blum, Richard Lolich, Thomas Bryan, Kevin Krick, Brian Blower, Wassel Mashagbeh, and Richard Walker were among those honored at DOT's 38th Annual Awards Ceremony held in Washington, DC.

Created under the auspices of President Bush in the U.S. Ocean Action Plan, the group's focus now allows critical marine transportation system issues of national importance to be elevated to the highest levels of government.

To learn more, visit MARAD's web site http://marad.dot.gov/Headlines/newsletters/December2005/Dec05_Page4.pdf.

AROUND INDUSTRY:

NINETEEN CROWLEY VESSELS HONORED

Crowley and its Marine Transport Lines subsidiary were recently named recipients of the Chamber of Shipping of America's (CSA) 2005 Environmental Achievement Awards. According to the company's news release, 19 of the vessels that the company manages and/or operates have achieved environmental excellence (zero incidents) for at least a three-year period.

Tom Crowley, Jr. chairman, president, and CEO of Crowley shared his views on safety. "Crowley understands the importance of everything we do. We strive to be incident free in our operations and believe that safety must be a mantra for all of our employees both shore side and on our vessels."

In addition to CSA recognition, Crowley was recognized by the State of Washington's Department of Ecology for excellence in tank-vessel marine safety and environmental stewardship.

According to CSA's Chairman of the Board Michael Bohlman, "These awards are a testament to the dedication and professionalism exhibited by our seafarers and the shore-side personnel who are responsible for operating our vessels to the highest environmental standards. It is encouraging to see how many vessels continue to achieve environmental excellence year after year..."

The maritime industry extends congratulations to Crowley on its success and achievements.

TIDBIT: NEW YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR AIS

An extra second will be added to 2005 to make up for the slowing down of the Earth's rotation. This "leap second" will affect all AIS systems, according to US-based AIS manufacturer ACR Electronics. The time adjustment will put time back in synch with the atomic clock, which is unwavering in its measurement of time on earth. The extra second will affect the performance of on-board AIS systems unless a manual re-synchronization is performed between January 1 and 2, 2006, as noted by ACR. To learn more about Re-synchronization of AIS systems due to Leap Second Phenomenon, visit ACR's web site at <http://www.acrelectronics.com/alerts/leap.htm>.

MARAD'S SHIPPER RECOGNITION PROGRAM

As the current year draws to a close, the Maritime Administration's Office of Cargo Preference would like to thank the maritime community and other transportation entities for supporting the U.S. merchant fleet. You in the industry know all too well the daily commitment and all that goes into making this industry what it is today. Of particular note, MARAD would like to pay special tribute to companies/federal agencies that used American-flag ships to transport significant portions of their international cargo. Special thanks go to the carriers for their part in this process. List of recipients include:

- Ames True Temper
Harrisburg, PA
- Carrier Corporation
Middlebury, CT
- Crompton Corporation
Middlebury, CT
- Deere & Company
Moline, IL
- E & J Gallo Winery
Modesta, CA
- Estee Lauder Companies
Melville, NY
- Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Akron, OH
- Hunter Fan
Memphis, TN
- Monsanto Company
St. Louis, MO
- New Balance
Boston, MA
- J.A. Jones International
Charlotte, NC
- Loews Companies
Mooresville, NC
- Panalpina, Inc.
Foster City, CA
- Perini Corporation
Framingham, MA
- Philips Electronic North America Corporation
New York, NY
- PPG Industries
Pittsburgh, PA
- Rhodia, Inc.
Cranbury, NJ
- The Government of Israel - Ministry of Defense
New York, NY
- The U.S. Department of State's Despatch Agency
Washington, DC
- Toys "R" Us, Inc.
Paramus, NJ
- Transoceanic Shipping Company, Inc.
Kenner, LA
- Unique Industries
Philadelphia, PA
- Yowell International
Melbourne, FL

Finally, the Maritime Administration also would like to take this opportunity to wish the maritime community, their families, and all of our readers a safe and happy holiday. As you gather together with your loved ones and look

ahead to the upcoming year, remember our U.S. merchant mariners, who, perhaps are not able to join with their families because they are doing their part in keeping America safe and moving cargo across the globe.

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you who have contributed to the success of this publication over the past year. We appreciate your thoughtfulness and support. As you know, the only way to find out what's going on in and around the industry is to look to those who are involved on a day-to-day basis.

As 2005 comes to an end, I encourage each of you to start thinking about how we can better serve you – our customer. One thought that comes to mind immediately is sharing your company's success stories. If you are interested in providing articles for use in the newsletter, contact us at (1) 800 9US-FLAG or (202) 366-4610 or via Email at marad.cargo@dot.gov. We also invite you to visit our web sites listed below to learn more about the cargo preference program:

- ❖ **Cargo preference and its guidelines**, <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/cargo>
- ❖ **U.S.-Flag Service (Destinations from U.S. to Foreign Countries)**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/usflag/>.
- ❖ **Humanitarian Food Aid Report**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/cargo/CAPOS%20Reports> .
- ❖ **Public Resolution - 17 Waivers**, click on <http://www.marad.dot.gov/offices/cargo/PR17waivers.html>.

Finally, I would like extend my farewell to all who have made my stay at MARAD enjoyable. I will be retiring from the Federal service at year's end and would like to wish each of you a happy and prosperous year as you sail the seas of life. I wish you fair winds as you delve into 2006.